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1. MFA DIRGEN FOR INTNATL AFFAIRS AMIR-MIKRI TOLD CHARGE MAY 18 THAT GOI WAS PLANNING TO SEND TEAM TO GUAM TO INTERVIEW VIETNAMESE REFUGEES FOR POSSIBLE RELOCATION IN IRAN. HE HAD NO DETAILS ON TIMING OR COMPOSITION OF TEAM BUT SAID HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED AS THINGS DEVELOP. WE ASSUME TEAM WILL BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN FINDING REFUGEES WITH SKILLS IN SHORT SUPPLY IN IRAN'S BOOMING ECONOMY.

2. GOI HAD ALREADY TOLD UNHCR REP GOODYEAR ABOUT ITS INTENTION TO SEND TEAM TO GUAM. GOODYEAR HAD NO MORE INFORMATION THAN AMIR-MIKRI GAVE CHARGE BUT HE HAS APPOINTMENT WITH MFA ACTION OFFICER TODAY(MAY 19). HE PROMISED TO FILL US IN ON WHAT HE LEARNS.

3. IN CONVERSATION AT ARMED FORCES DAY RECEPTION CHARGE ASKED VICE MINISTER OF WAR TOUFANIAN IF HE WAS AWARE OF LIST OF NEEDED SKILLS MFA HAD DRAWN UP IN HOPES OF FINDING SOME

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INDOCHINESE REFUGEES WITH THOSE QUALIFICATIONS. TOUFANIAN,

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROCUREMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, HAD NOT. HIS FIRST REACTION WAS THAT SHAH WOULD BE FAVORABLE TO SUCH A POSSIBILITY OF ALLEVIATING SHORTAGE OF SKILLED MANPOWER. AS CONVERSATION PROGRESSED, HOWEVER, TOUFANIAN BECAME SOMEWHAT MORE NEGATIVE TOWARD IDEA. HE MUSED THAT MORAL FIVER OF PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN AT WAR SO LONG PROBABLY HAD SUFFERED AND THEY MIGHT BE A PROBLEM IN NEW ENVIRONMENT.
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